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1. [] the Russian colony in Shanghai [] [September 1952].
consisted of approximately two thousand persons of whom about half were
"stateless", while the rest held Soviet passports taken out during and after
the war [World War II]. This does not include Soviet officials or advisors.

2. Unemployment among the "stateless" Russians is very serious

The public utilities in Shanghai had employed many "stateless" Russians and when the Chinese Communists took over the utility companies these men lost their jobs. Neither the Chinese authorities nor the Soviet Citizens Association did anything to assist unemployed "stateless" Russians. These had to depend on the International Refugee Organization IRO and later on the Shanghai office of the United Nations UN for relief. Originally IRO allowed JNP\$350 thousand per person per month but as funds ran low the amount was gradually reduced until [redacted] the payments were JNP\$150 thousand per person per month. Exchange at that time /September 1952/ was about JNP\$25 thousand to US\$1. IRO/UN also helped "stateless" Russians to pay their passages when they succeeded in getting visas to emigrate elsewhere. [redacted]

3. The Chinese authorities are only interested in getting unemployed "stateless" persons out of the country. A "stateless" person had to have his resident's certificate extended once every three months.

As a result of this attitude of the authorities unemployed "stateless" Russians had no difficulty in obtaining exit permits. The difficulty other foreigners experience in obtaining exit permits is because the Chinese Communists will not permit anyone to leave so long as there is a chance of extracting any money from him.

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